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1. PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF REF A, WE HAD INFORMED NPG MEMBERS ON JUNE 19 (REF B, PARA 1) OF INITIAL US PLANS TO CIRCULATE A PAPER FOR THE NPG HIGH LEVEL GROUP (HLG) ABOUT THE END OF JULY (REF C). PURSUANT TO GUIDANCE IN REF A, WE HAVE NOW CONTACTED ALL NPG DELEGATIONS AND INFORMED THEM ON A PRIVATE BASIS THAT WE CANNOT FIRMLY STATE AT THIS POINT WHEN THE US WILL HAVE A PAPER. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS FROM SEVERAL DELEGATIONS, WE SAID WE DID NOT HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PLANS CONCERNING A SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER MEETING OF THE HLG INDICATED IN REF C.

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2. WE WILL RECEIVE FURTHER QUERIES FROM DELEGATIONS AND WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON WHETHER WASHINGTON CONTINUES TO PLAN ON AN HLG MEETING IN THE SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER TIMEFRAME. ALTHOUGH WE CONTACTED DELEGATIONS PRIVATELY CONCERNING THE PAPER FOR THE HLG, IT IS QUITE LIKELY THAT FURTHER COMMENTS/QUESTIONS ON THE HLG COULD SURFACE IN NPG STAFF LEVEL OR PERMREP MEETINGS WHICH MIGHT

REQUIRE US TO NOTE, PENDING FURTHER GUIDANCE, PRESENT
UNCERTAINTY ON AVAILABILITY OF AN HLG PAPER.GLITMAN

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